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**Comment on the proposed conservation of prevailing usage of TERMOPSISIDAE**  
**Holmgren, 1911, *Termopsis* Heer, 1849 and *Mioterme*s Rosen, 1913 (Insecta, Isoptera)**  
 (Case 3244; see BZN 60: 119–123, 303)

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1. This comment touches on two points arising from our application (BZN 60: 119–123) relating to the proposed conservation of the prevailing usage of TERMOPSISIDAE Holmgren, 1911, *Termopsis* Heer, 1849 and *Mioterme*s Rosen, 1913.

2. First, Dr Alonso-Zarazaga (BZN 60: 303) has provided points of clarification on the proposed conservation of usage of the three names concerned. He has correctly noted that in our application the gender of *Termopsis* was accidentally and quite erroneously labeled as masculine, when it is indeed feminine. His emendations to our request are valued and we wholeheartedly recommend that they be adopted.

3. Secondly, we have recently discovered that in a short note on termite classification Holmgren (1910, p. 285) made available the subfamily name STOLOTERMITINAE for *Stoloterme*s Hagen, 1858 (p. 105), type species by monotypy *Hodoterme*s (*Stoloterme*s) *brunneicornis* Hagen, 1858 (p. 105). Thus the name STOLOTERMITINAE has priority by one year over the name TERMOPSISIDAE, which Holmgren proposed as new in his 1911 monograph (p. 35). Accordingly, we propose that, in addition to the proposals put forward in BZN 60: 121, TERMOPSISIDAE be given precedence over STOLOTERMITINAE whenever their type genera are placed in the same family-group taxon.

4. Our full proposal therefore reads as follows:

The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is accordingly asked:

(1) to use its plenary power:

(a) to rule that the family-group name TERMOPSISIDAE Holmgren, 1911 and other family-group names based on *Termopsis* Heer, 1849 are to be given

- precedence over STOLOTERMITINAE Holmgren, 1910 and other family-group names based on *Stolotermes* Hagen, 1858 whenever their type genera are placed in the same family-group taxon;
- (b) to set aside all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Termopsis* Heer, 1849 and to designate *Termopsis bremii* Heer, 1849 as type species;
- (2) to place on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology the following names:
- (a) *Termopsis* Heer, 1849 (gender: feminine), type species by designation in (1)(b) above *Termopsis bremii* Heer, 1849;
- (b) *Miotermes* Rosen, 1913 (gender: masculine), type species by original designation *Termopsis procera* Heer, 1849;
- (c) *Stolotermes* Hagen, 1858 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Hodotermes (Stolotermes) brunneicornis* Hagen, 1858;
- (3) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the following names:
- (a) *bremii* Heer, 1849, as published in the binomen *Termopsis bremii* (specific name of the type species of *Termopsis* Heer, 1849);
- (b) *procera* Heer, 1849, as published in the binomen *Termopsis procera* (specific name of the type species of *Miotermes* Rosen, 1913);
- (c) *brunneicornis* Hagen, 1858, as published in the binomen *Hodotermes brunneicornis* (specific name of the type species of *Stolotermes* Hagen, 1858);
- (4) to place on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology the following names:
- (a) TERMOPSIDAE Holmgren, 1911 (type genus *Termopsis* Heer, 1849), with the endorsement that it and other family-group names based on *Termopsis* are to be given precedence over STOLOTERMITINAE Holmgren, 1910 and other family-group names based on *Stolotermes* Hagen, 1858 whenever their type genera are placed in the same family-group taxon;
- (b) STOLOTERMITINAE Holmgren, 1910 (type genus *Stolotermes* Hagen, 1858), with the endorsement that it and other family-group names based on *Stolotermes* are not to be given priority over TERMOPSIDAE Holmgren, 1911 and other family-group names based on *Termopsis* Heer, 1849 whenever their type genera are placed in the same family-group taxon.

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